

# **MaineCare Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

April 5, 2022  
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
Via Zoom

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Kathy Kilrain Del Rio called to order the regular meeting of the MaineCare Advisory Committee at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>.

## **II. ROLL CALL**

Kathy Kilrain del Rio conducted a roll call. The following persons were present:

Kathy Kilrain del Rio; Laurie Belden; Esther Bullard; Rachel Collamore; Laura Cordes; Jamie Cotnoir; Leo Delicata; Cathy Dionne; Gia Drew; Al Durgin; Rachel Dyer; Mark Eves; Suzanne Farley; Michael Hallundbaek; Jillian Jolicoeur; Sarah Lewis; Vickie McCarty; Beth Pearce; Atlee Reilly; Jeff Tiner; Susan White, and David Winslow.

Department: Henry Eckerson; Derrick Grant; Fran Jensen; David Jorgenson; Shannon Martin; Jenny Patterson; Heather Pelletier; Michelle Probert, and Molly Slotznick.

Guests: Albert Abena; Sharlene Adams; Asha Ali; Nicole Breton; Elizabeth Cameron; Alex Carter; Dawn Chick; Jennifer Christian; Brooke Conway; Norma Desjardins; Brian Duffy; Leslie Dyer; Kate Ende; Judy Feinstein; Cathy Hamilton; Simane Ibrahim; Vicki Jessup; Becca Matusovich; Courtney Morin; Dan Morin; Karen Palleschi; Kathy Ridley; Malory Shaughnessy; Tammy Shapleigh; Sana Osman.

## **III. NEW BUSINESS**

### **a.) DHHS Updates With Michelle Probert**

- The final recruitment and retention payments have been processed.
- Erik Eisele will be joining MaineCare on May 2<sup>nd</sup> as the new Director of Communications and Planning.
- The Department is working on a presentation for providers to discuss the options available for COVID testing, vaccination, and treatment.
- Malory shared an ask from providers that the June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for using the recoupment retention bonus money be extended. Michelle noted the Department will be sending a written response to the request shortly. Our authority to make the bonus payments is tied to the PHE. We don't know that we will be able to have flexibility in terms of an ability to extend that date.

**b.) New Adult Dental Benefit**

- Derrick Grant presented an overview of the New Adult Dental Benefit and discussed dental outreach and education planning
  - Working to ease red tape
  - Becca suggested looking at providers that are currently enrolled who are serving the most members.
  - Jillian asked if it would be possible to see the new rates first to help determine the strategy? Is it competitive with private insurers?
  - Member Outreach and Education - Discussion

**c.) Rate System Updates**

Laura asked what the timing might be before rates get set.

**d.) Discussion re: lack of electrolysis providers who accept MaineCare**

Kathy noted she believes there aren't any electrolysis providers who accept MaineCare at this time. What kind of outreach is required to try to recruit providers who can fill the need?

Molly noted this question came up in the past, and there is a provider who is enrolled in MaineCare and provides these services to MaineCare members. There is another potential provider based in Southern Maine, but the provider doesn't have the correct license to enroll. Similar to the dental conversation, the Department is interested in being active partners, and we are open to suggestions as to how we can try to address this gap.

**e.) Rulemaking/Waivers/SPA Updates With Jenny Patterson**

- Chapter I, Section I is under way and moving towards adoption. The rounding rule is part of Chapter I, Section 1.
- Two other rules share open comment periods—the Section 21 and Section 29 rate increases under part AAAA of the budget for those services. There will be public hearings for the rules on April 19<sup>th</sup>, with the comment periods closing April 29<sup>th</sup>.
- The Chapter II, Section 21 public hearing has been held, and work is underway on the adopted rule.

**f.) Communications Update**

- Esther Bullard shared that MaineCare 300 will be proposed soon. It will be open for public comment in the coming weeks. MaineCare 300 would expand postpartum pregnancy coverage.

g.) **Items From Guests.**

None

h.) **Wrap Up**

- The next MAC meeting will be Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m.
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**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

Kathy Kilrain Del Rio adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Lisa Weaver